Centrally assisted project in Uttar Pradesh

† 3088. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the incomplete centrally assisted projects in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years together with the reasons therefor;

(b) the increase in the estimated cost of each of the incomplete projects;

(c) the additional amount likely to be spent on all these projects during the Tenth Five Year Plan period; and

(d) the effective steps taken so far by Government for completion of all these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) As on 1.4.99, 24 Central sector projects costing Rs. 20 crore and above were under implementation in Uttar Pradesh. During the last three years, 13 projects were completed and 14 new projects taken up. Thus, as on 1.4.2002, 25 Central sector project were under implementation in the state, including 6 projects which had slipped from the Ninth Five Year Plan to the Tenth Five year Plan. Fund constraints, delay in rehabilitation and resettlement of displaced families and slow progress by contractors are some of the reasons for the slippage of projects.

(a) The details of 15 projects, which have registered cost overruns are given in the enclosed statement *(See* below).

(b) As on 1.4.2002, a total expenditure of Rs. 1234.95 crore had been incured on the 25 on going projects. The balance cost of Rs. 6166.65 crore is likely to be incurred during the Tenth Plan period.

(d) The steps taken by the government to improve project implementation include:

(i) in-depth periodical review of projects by the Government;

(ii) taking up of projects for implementation only after funds have fully been tied up;

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